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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 1993, at 12 noon.

## Senate

MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993

The Senate met at 2 p.m., and was called to order by the Honorable HARLAN MATHEWS, a Senator from the State of Tennessee.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Richard C. Halverson, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:  
*O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever—Psalm 136:1.*

Gracious God our Father, we thank Thee for the Memorial Day recess. We thank Thee for the opportunity to be with family and friends—for personal rest and recreation—for opportunity to meet with constituents. We thank Thee for safety in travel and for all of the common blessings that are ours daily.

We thank Thee for our positions as public servants, for the power and influence to which we have been called. We thank Thee for the opportunity to return to the business of the Senate.

May our lives demonstrate the gratitude we feel for life and all its benefits. Help us live in ways that are pleasing to Thee, to whom belongs all glory and honor and praise. Amen.

### APPOINTMENT OF THE ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore [Mr. BYRD].

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC.

### To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule 1, section 2, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable HARLAN MATHEWS, a Senator from the State of Tennessee, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. MATHEWS thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the standing order, the Republican leader is recognised.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, the leaders' time was reserved?

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The leaders' time has not yet been reserved.

Mr. DOLE. I ask unanimous consent that the leaders' time may be reserved.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DOLE. The majority leader is not here and I would not speak before the majority leader. I understand he will not be here for a few moments.

### ELECTION OF KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Mr. DOLE. I will take a minute or two to extend my congratulations to KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON, who will become the 44th Republican Senator

sometime this week or early next week.

Of course, all elections are important. We do not like to see anyone lose. We like to see everybody win. It cannot happen in elections. So we are, of course, very proud on this side of the aisle to welcome KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON.

But I think, beyond the election itself, which was a 67-33 percent majority in the State of Texas, was a message to all of us, Republicans and Democrats and the Congress and the President and other members of his administration, that the American people, expressed by the people in Texas last Saturday, are saying what we have been hearing in our own States, and they said it loud and clear—it is hard to mistake—cut spending first and stop all these new taxes. If anybody can read any other message into the Texas election, it is very difficult to do because the Texas voters had the first opportunity they had seen or heard about the package that passed the House and in the first year of that House-passed bill there are \$35 billion in taxes and only \$3 billion in spending cuts. That is 12 to 1. That is not what the American people voted for when they voted for change, if that is what they voted for, last November.

And so as we prepare to consider the President's so-called economic package on the Senate side, I would certainly hope my colleagues on both sides of the aisle will take a look at the election returns.

It is amazing that in a State with 264 counties, the Republican candidate—Republicans have not always been that

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popular in Texas—carried all but I think 15 or 16 counties, and some counties had never voted Republican. The Republican candidate won by big margins.

So my own view is that certainly we had an outstanding candidate. She did an outstanding job. She stuck with her message: Cut spending first and not raise taxes. If that message is lost on the Senate and we proceed to pass through this big, big, big tax package the President has proposed, my own view is it is going to cause the economy a great deal of difficulty, but it is going to cause those who support it a great deal of political difficulty.

So it is still my hope that we can start over and bring people together, Republicans and Democrats, and cut spending first, make the tough choices before we tell the American people we are going to impose more taxes, whether it is the so-called Btu tax, the energy tax, which is despised by almost every State in the Union, or whether it is a retroactive tax.

Many taxpayers do not know that if we pass the House-passed bill, or something similar, we will have imposed taxes on the American taxpayer starting this January—not next January, January 1993. So if this bill should pass and be signed by the President, you would have taxes for January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, through this whole year.

I do not believe 1 percent of the taxpayers know about this retroactive tax package. It ought to be stricken. It is not good policy. It is not fair to American taxpayers. A lot of these taxpayers are small business men and women and subchapter S corporations. They are not the rich. So there are a lot of unfair provisions.

The other thing we are doing, we are taxing more Social Security benefits for a lot of senior citizens who might accept that if we were using that money to reduce the deficit, but we are doing that so we can have \$135 billion more in spending programs.

And again, I have been in seven States this past week, and I did not get many people suggesting to me we ought to be spending more money on anything.

We ought to be spending less money, in the view of the taxpayers, and we ought to be raising taxes a lot less.

So perhaps this will become the year of the taxpayer. Perhaps the election of KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON will signal that the taxpayers of America do have a chance that their voices are heard in the Senate Chamber, in the House Chamber, in the White House, and all over this town.

So it may be that the Texas voters will save the economy, because, if we listen to their warning and listen to their message, which was very strong and very clear and very loud, there is no way we can pass the President's proposal because it is taxes, taxes, taxes,

taxes, taxes, with very little spending cuts.

So I just believe that we have an opportunity now to regroup, hopefully in a bipartisan way, and let the American people know we do not have a hearing problem. When we get a message as loud and as clear as the one from the State of Texas last Saturday, we are able to understand it.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 2:30 p.m. with Senators permitted to speak therein for not to exceed 5 minutes.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, I thank the Chair.

#### IRRESPONSIBLE CONGRESS? HERE IS TODAY'S BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, as anyone even remotely familiar with the U.S. Constitution knows, no President can spend a dime of Federal tax money that has not first been approved by the Congress of the United States, both the House and the Senate.

So when you hear or read where a politician or an editor or a commentator has declared that "Reagan ran up the Federal debt" or that "Bush ran it up," or that any other President ran it up, bear in mind that it was and is the constitutional duty of Congress to control Federal spending. And Congress, Mr. President, has failed miserably for at least 50 years.

The fiscal irresponsibility of Congress has created a Federal debt which stood at \$4,294,168,230,173.50 as of the close of business this past Thursday, June 3, 1993. And averaged out, Mr. President, every man, woman, and child in America owes a share of this massive debt, and that per capita share of the debt exceeds more than \$16,700.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. HEFLIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### THE BEST OF MEDICAL CARE

Mr. HEFLIN. Mr. President, I am delighted to be back in the Senate Chamber after missing a few days due to some problems with my heart. But I am much better. I have been absent for a few days undergoing some treatment that has been highly beneficial to me. And I feel much stronger. My strength is coming back. I want to say a few words, in particular, relative to the doctors and the hospitals that have treated me recently.

I recently underwent treatment to clear a blocked coronary artery. One month ago, on May 6, I was admitted to Bethesda Naval Hospital for balloon angioplasty, commonly used to unclog heart arteries. While angioplasty enjoys a high rate of success, it is true that with a small number of patients—yours truly included—the damaged vessel closes back up, and further treatment is required. A total of five balloons were inserted into my artery, but they were ultimately unsuccessful in eliminating the problem.

While again at Bethesda for observation and tests over the weekend of May 14 through 16, I had an excellent medical team headed by our Capitol physician, Adm. Robert Kraemer. He is a great doctor, has a wonderful bedside manner, and really looked after me carefully throughout my illness, together with an outstanding team of cardiologists at Bethesda. These included Dr. Robert Blacky, Dr. David Ferguson, and the doctors in the Capitol Physician's Office, Dr. Mark Johnston, and Dr. Brian Monahan. They all gave me excellent treatment, and advised that after my coronary artery did not stay open as it should, that what might work for me was a new—and as yet unapproved by the Federal Drug Administration—procedure known as stenting, and that the University of Alabama's Medical Center in Birmingham was a leader in the development of this procedure. Of course, my care at Bethesda was the very best, but I certainly liked the possibility of going home to Alabama for any further procedures that might prove necessary.

Stenting is only available at a few medical centers nationwide, one of those being at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. A stent is a metallic, spring-like device as fine as a cotton thread inserted into the artery to prevent it from collapsing. It acts as a scaffold to ensure that the vessel remains open, and eventually is absorbed into the walls of the artery. Development of stents as a way of supporting damaged arteries began in the early 1980's, and laboratory investigation of the Gianturco-Roubin flex stent which I received began in late 1985. Dr. Gary F. Roubin, one of its inventors, was the interventional cardiologist who performed the procedure on me. He has been developing this in recent years. His partner in its initial development was unfortunately killed a number of years ago, but Dr. Roubin had gone forward with it.